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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Powell:

As you **know**, I wrote to you last year impressing upon the Commission the importance of completing its biennial **review** of all media ownership rules **no later than** spring 2003. In **so** doing, I expressed my strongly-held view that the Commission should adjust its rules **to reflect** the realities of **the** modern **media** marketplace. It **must** do **this** in a manner that is in conformance with the determination of the U.S. Court of Appeals for **the** District of Columbia Circuit, that if **the** Commission is to retain its media ownership rules in their present **form**, it **must** first **justify** their need.

At that time, you committed to this **Committee** that the Commission's review would be completed, **and** its rules adjusted accordingly, by the spring of 2003. There is no question that the Commission **has** striven mightily to establish a comprehensive and factual record in this matter, and the Commission is **to** be commended for **this** effort.

As we approach mid-winter, I would appreciate your renewed commitment that **the** Commission is operating within this specific timeframe and that final **resolution** of **all** of the outstanding broadcast ownership issues **is** indeed on **the** horizon. If such a commitment cannot be made, I would similarly appreciate a detailed explanation of the circumstances and obstacles that **are** impeding **the** Commission's ability **to** meet **that** deadline.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response

Sincerely,

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W.J. "Billy" Tauzin

Chairman

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Cc: The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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